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The Date of Asking-Day.

In Iota chapter perhaps the most troublesome of fraternity problems is the ever-recurrent one of the date of "asking day." To a chapter alone in its field this is a question of comparative simplicity solved according to the circumstances of the individual case, but it is necessarily complicated by the competition that must result from the presence of rival organizations, and that seriously affects the fraternity in its relation to the entering student and indeed in many relations.

Again and again has been discussed the feasibility and advisability of putting off asking-day until the end of the year, so that no freshman would become a member of the chapter. I have never seen Iota unanimously in favor of this move, yet she has always stood for deferring the date as late as possible, in our inter-fraternity agreements, usually from six to ten weeks after the opening of the term.

Of course the evils of this present system lie chiefly in the almost inevitable violence of rushing, and in the haste and the emotional strain accompanying decision on the part of the chapter, and of the candidates asked. The most attractive of the entering class are showered with invitations. They are occupied with one gayety or another, usually implying late hours, probably twice every week at least. They are sought by girls who know how to make themselves charming and whom the freshmen in their innocence think models of unselfish care for lonely strangers. And

so in these first weeks while of necessity they have to adjust themselves to a new life and usually to new methods of more arduous study, their brains are kept in a whirl of excitement, largely pleasurable it is true, but carrying with it many a re-action of over-tiredness, and hurt, and real misery. It is to be wondered at that many of the most attractive freshmen survive at all, in the university sense, to join any fraternity.

Meanwhile the chapter members are either over working or slighting their university work for committee meetings, entertainments, and the other imperative duties of rushing. The pleasant chapter meetings are given over to arranging for these, or to discussion of the new girls. Excitement and anxiety reign, and now and then there is a ludicrous *scrabble*—no other word will express it—between rivals to get prior claim on some special prize. Indeed this sometimes goes so far that a fraternity is carried by the impetus of its rivalry into asking a girl whom calmer thought would scarcely choose. We are probably not worse at Cornell than in other colleges, where there are four fraternities among the women, yet I think I have not exaggerated the state of things.

This goes on for six to ten weeks ordinarily. Then comes the fateful day when mysterious (?) appointments are made for walks or talks and the invitations are formally extended. The few hours succeeding are often hardest of the year for the popular freshman. Interview follows interview, and the air is full of tragedy.

What wonder the independents look with a certain contempt at us sometimes! I have wished, now and then, that we could publish an outside view of these rushing seasons of ours written by a fair-minded independent, and for once "see ourselves as others see us." Look at it a moment. Where is our dignity? Where is our calm and unprejudiced judgment of girls? Where is the time to help the other new girls have a good time,—those whom we like though not for the chapter? Where is the chance for the freshman

to get a really sober and thoughtful view of the fraternities, and to find her place without this emotional stress?

It seems to me that we make opportunity for "envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness" within and without the chapter by this present system. I think it is the root of certainly a large majority of the sins charged up to fraternity accounts. It is here that harm is done to university work (one of the least of evils among women's fraternities). It is here that interfraternity jealousies and animosities are contracted and fostered. It is here that the independents find chief ground of complaint for fraternity narrowness and selfishness, and here that the girls who are not asked at all, or not to the chapter of their desire, receive sore hurts that rankle and sometimes leave a bitterness of disappointment that changes the outlook seriously to the young soul.

These are the charges against us. What can we do to make them false? So long as the asking-day comes within the fall term, and there is a period of excitement, full of the *necessity* of knowing, judging, and choosing with haste, there will be rushing, and violent rushing. Even within one's own chapter it can not be prevented entirely, for there are always some excitable members who can not keep cool heads and calm judgments when they see their rivals apparently forging ahead, and who will "fight the devil with fire."

Now suppose the fraternities agree not to ask new members until the end of the freshman year. To my mind this would largely relieve the situation. It has been argued that it would simply "prolong the agony" but that is hardly possible. No university girl could endure the whirl of rushing gayety from year's end to year's end. Moreover the temptation would be much less. In a year's time acquaintance with the new girls would be gradual and natural. Their character, intellectual attainment, and social qualifications would be tested and proven. The chapter would not be deceived by the glamour of first impressions, nor carried away by the prejudice of one or two girls, for or against. Choice

would be made from the point of view of value to the chapter, the ideal fraternity standpoint, rather than from personal enthusiasm. So like would go to like, impressions would be less colored by the conduct of rival fraternities and there would be much less chance of mistake. "Mistake! the idea!" some of you will say, but few of us older ones are such devotees of the doctrine of chapter infallibility as to deny the possibility of mistake, while most of us, I fancy, in our inmost hearts, must own to its actual occurrence within our own experience. I acknowledge that the mistakes in those taken in are astonishingly few considering the system of choice, but our sins of omission are a heavier count.

I repeat, then, the gradual and longer acquaintance would enable us to weigh girls more truly and choose more wisely, since we must choose, and would save the sense of injustice and lack of appreciation now inevitably felt by the quieter, less outwardly attractive girls who are often the strongest and best of fraternity material, but whose very value and deep strength makes them harder to get acquainted with, and so often leaves them unasked, or asked only later after all the hurt of being left out.

Further, the new girls themselves could choose more intelligently. They would recognize their own places, and, in a sense, try to work toward the ideals of this fraternity or that, and to make themselves fit to join it, (I believe this is practically the result where this system obtains among college societies) and feeling the greater dignity of the choice they would feel the greater honor of being so chosen.

Moreover it would be easier to retain friendships with members of other fraternities, and with the independents: in the former case because they would be hardier plants than now, grown in the natural atmosphere, instead of in the forcing-influence of the rushing season; in the latter case also because with the diminution of our faults will come the diminution of independent antagonism, so far as it exists at all.

It is sometimes argued that the first year in the fraternity is too valuable to the freshman to give up, that she would

seriously miss the chapter influence. There is something in this, but I think it is far outweighed by the gain of the proposed system. Were the second year in college to become the traditional first one in the fraternity its training would be practically as valuable. Moreover the influence is largely that felt through strong attachment for some of the older girls, and this, I maintain, is better and more effectual, through the more gradual and natural acquaintance. The hurt of the broken friendships that seem to mean so much for a few weeks and then meant so little, would be lost, and as I have said the dignity and the honor of the ultimate membership would be infinitely increased.

By far the most serious objection to the late invitation is in the presence of specials, graduates, and students admitted to advanced standing who are to be in the university but one year or perhaps two. Among these we have found many valuable members whom we would be loth to have missed. These, however, form a small class and a special case. They are older and more mature than the average freshman, can usually judge intelligently for themselves and are less likely to be open to the usual rushing methods, and therefore to be attacked in these ways. I think, then, they might form an exception, and be eligible to invitation whenever a fraternity chose to invite. At first inauguration of such a system there might be difficulty in suppressing rushing, but the tendency would shortly wear away, I think, with the growth of fraternity dignity and of tradition on the other side.

I believe in fraternities, and in our fraternity, but I think they and it have faults. I should like to try this way to cure some of them, with all the fraternities if possible. If not, I should like it to be Theta's policy. I should even like Iota to do it, independently if need be, and try to see if independence and dignity will not bring their own reward in chapter strength.

—MARGARET FURSMAN BOYNTON.

An Interlude.

"In the day of our life, happy are they who can recall, just before the bells ring in the trials and griefs of manhood's noon, the little interval of college."—*Chaplin.*

We've walked together a little way
In the dew of the morning hours,
Till its almost time for the midday bells
To chime from the distant towers.

And now that our ways diverge again
Shall we both of us forget?
At sunset it will be with you
As if we had never met.

But if I remember wistfully
How the sun shone on your hair,—
It's all in the work of a day, my dear,
And nobody else need care.

C. G. L.

Inter fraternity Action.

It is not known to the writer just how many of the Chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta are members of a Pan-Hellenic league for regulating to a certain extent rushing and asking practices. Some certainly are and it seems to be the general opinion of all who have given the system a fair trial that such inter fraternity action and agreement is an excellent thing for all concerned. There are, however, many colleges into which such an inter fraternity compact has not yet been introduced. Would it not be possible to extend this agreement which has worked so well where it has been tried? It has been found at times that the only thing necessary to bring about this much desired result has been that some one fraternity should

take the initiative and propose such a league, the rest meeting the proposition with little or no objection.

The usual form which such a compact takes is a promise that none of the fraternities entering into the agreement will extend invitations to membership to new students before a certain date. This is of course the simplest possible form of the inter fraternity compact. Other points might perhaps be touched upon with advantage, but even in this, its simplest form, the advantages of such a compact are obvious. They are moreover such advantages as favor not only the fraternities concerned but also the entering students in whom the fraternities are interesting themselves.

In the first place, one advantage is that more time is given to both sides for consideration, than when each fraternity extended its invitations as soon as possible, usually trying to do so before its rivals had a chance. Then as there is less hurry, there is also less chance for mistakes. It is probably a common experience that a girl who seems attractive and beyond all doubt a most desirable member, during the hurry and confusion of a first week may not seem nearly so desirable when two or three months have passed, and peoples' true values and positions begin to be manifest. The value of time for consideration is not less to the girl who is rushed than to the fraternity ; especially is this true in a college where no one fraternity keeps a recognized supremacy year after year. In such a case, where the rivalry between two organizations is very close, the value of extra time in which to weigh the merits of the rival chapters is apparent. Of course, where no interfraternity compact exists fraternities and freshmen might take as much time for consideration as if there were a fixed asking day. They might, but as a matter of fact they very seldom do.

What is perhaps a greater advantage is that an arrangement of this sort invariably tends to diminish rushing of an objectionable character or of undue violence. It is not unnatural, where no compact exists, and each chapter runs the race as it pleases, that the fraternity which can at once place

itself most in evidence, and in fact almost take possession of the desirable freshmen is the one which is most likely to succeed in gaining possession of the bewildered new student. This is by no means so invariably the case when asking day is placed perhaps two months after the opening of college. Then a certain amount of so-called formal rushing will still have its value, but the factor which more than any other will determine a freshman in her choice will be the degree of intimacy of her personal acquaintance with members of the different fraternities. Personal friendship will then win the day, and personal friendship is something which cannot develop without time for growth. It may be alleged that a real friendship can hardly be formed in two months. This is perfectly true, but it is also true that the foundations of a real friendship can be laid more soundly in two months than in a week or ten days.

The violence of fraternity rushing is often urged as an objection to the establishment of fraternities. If this objection is of weight, and many are agreed that it is, surely it is well to use every possible means to overcome such an objection, and, while diminishing the few evils of the system, help to spread the good results of fraternity organization. Rushing may never be entirely abolished. Indeed it is doubtful if such a consummation is to be hoped for. There is a recognized value and stimulus in friendly rivalry. The evils of rushing can be done away with. They should be done away with, and one of the best means of accomplishing this end, is to form in every college or university where two or more fraternities exist, some interfraternity compact by which there shall be agreed upon a date before which no fraternity may extend invitations to membership to new students. Such an arrangement has the extra advantage of doing away with the asking and pledging of sub-freshmen—a practice always to be regretted, but, unfortunately not uncommon.

The greatest advantage to be derived from such a system is mentioned last, partly because it is the most important,

partly because it is the last one in point of time to reveal itself. The fraternity ideal, noble and beautiful in its inception, seems to be passing through an evolution which is to render its future still more helpful than its past has been. If the college fraternity has done good work in the past, what may it not hope to do, as with the dying out of hard feeling between rival fraternities, there dawns a clearer realization of the fact that while each fraternity has its own work to do for its own good and the good of the student body, there is also a work in which much may be done by the united efforts of all the fraternities located in any one college? Each has its own work. Each may help its own members, and the amount of good done by each chapter is not necessarily measured by the rank which it holds in college life. This fact is too often overlooked in the rivalries of the rushing season. Too often the relations between rival fraternities are limited to the hostilities of rushing and when this season is over, the different fraternities too often go their own way and live their own lives. Separation is perhaps better than hostility, but there may be something still better. It is often found that a fraternity member and an independent will get on better together than two members of different fraternities. This should not be so. Fraternity women have this, at least, in common, that, though members of different organizations, they believe in the same ideals, have faith in the same method of getting the most good out of college life. Alpha Beta and Beta Alpha may be rivals wherever they meet. It is probably for their own good that they should be. Yet each may recognize in the other a sympathetic co-worker, using the same means to gain the same end. Their highest interests are identical. This is not felt everywhere, all the time. But it is a fact which co-operation of different fraternities, Pan-Hellenic rushing compacts, etc., are gradually bringing to light, and making emphatic. As fraternities are brought closer together, as each understands the other better and ceases gradually to suspect the other of underhand schemes and

motives interfraternity jealousy is gradually replaced by interfraternity sympathy and courtesy. Such a result is certainly desirable. It is slowly being brought about and the most potent factor in its realization is this gradually extending system of interfraternity compacts.

GAMMA ALUMNÆ.

Those Chapter Letters Again.

And this time it is actually with a word of praise. Oyez, Oyez, all ye chapter correspondents ! Somebody has really a bit of commendation for you ! This somebody has been making excursions into other parts of Greekdom and has come back with the opinion that we have really something for which to be thankful. And firstly, my sisters, this. Let us be glad and rejoice that we are not boys, and do not belong to the men's fraternities. For, reading their chapter letters carefully, one fraternity after another, I confess to a growing surprise and glee which finally burst forth in the exclamation, " Why, these are *really* worse than ours ! "

And so they are. For example, pray who among us would be guilty of announcing the installation of a new chapter as " the admission of a noble squad to the list. " And that is only one of many curious and unenviable sayings that could be gleaned from other magazines, were not one mindful that she lived in a glass house herself.

To be sure we are all hyperbolic and our letters are as much alike as two of the proverbial peas.

But nevertheless,

" When they are good
They are very, very good. "

And,—yes, I must admit it,

" When they are bad they are horrid. "

The thing that seems to cause the most trouble to the chapter correspondents is her adjectives, or,

perhaps, her paucity of them. Our old friend Humpty Dumpty says that "adjectives are so meek you can do anything with them;" and I really believe he was right. For the way some of those poor misused words have allowed themselves to be dragged in by the ears again and again is enough to make benevolent editors form themselves into a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Language.

In the last issue of the Journal in twenty letters, poor old overworked "happy" occurred eleven times, "glad" came wearily in eight times, and "enthusiastic" and "enthusiasm" gave the same number of performances. I feel a sincere sympathy for those over-worked words, for I rather like them myself, so suppose we lay them away for a while on the shelves of forgetfulness and try some new ones. And while we are about it let us get distinctive, and individual ones, words that hold a picture in them, and do let us dismiss the general vague indefinite ones, even if we have to write our letters with the assistance of several dictionaries, encyclopedias and books of synonym.

I had quite a shock the other day, as I was reading a chapter letter, I had sighted by the capitals, the words Alma Mater in the line below and was, as usual, expecting some abstract term of endearment or praise, but instead the adjective used was graystone. "Our graystone Alma Mater." All of a sudden the picture began to rise before me from just that one little touch;—a real distinct picture and not a vague flickering fantasm. Now by all the canons of chapter letter writing, if precedent goes for anything that correspondent should have said "noble" or "beautiful" or some other glittering generality.

But as she actually found a different word in spite of all example to the contrary, I wish to suggest that out of thankfulness the chapter to which she belongs be given property rights in the adjective "graystone" and that no other chapter be allowed to employ the word without the full consent of the aforesaid chapter, which shall have and use the aforesaid word forever and forever.

But seriously, if the correspondents realized what a difference, live, specific words and expressions made in our letters and what an insight they give the reader into the life of the college and chapter, I'm sure they would try for characteristic words. Get a little way off from your own circle before you write your letters, look at your environment from the standpoint of an outsider and search for something peculiar to it. Such a little exercise in mental gymnastics won't do you any harm and it will surely lend an individuality to your letters.

But every once in a while scattered through the wilderness of hyperbole and gush to which we are treated, there come little "touches of nature" that makes us feel ourselves "kin." And plucking up hope and heart we renew our faith in you and like Oliver Twist cry for "more please."

So, finally, my sisters, you are all urged to try this new cure, which the inventor firmly believes will revolutionize the art of chapter letter writing and make the epistles of Kappa Alpha Theta famed throughout the length and breadth of Greekdom. It comes without money and without price and consists simply in conscientious "minding of your adjectives."

C. G. L., *Kappa*.

Miss Sargent's Wedding.

The marriage of Caroline Packer Sargent and Mr. Wm. Emley Walter, of Philadelphia, took place on the afternoon of December twenty-eighth at the home of the bride's father, Mr. William C. Sargent, 223 Farrington Ave., St. Paul.

The bride was attended by Miss Lillian Moore of St. Paul, and Mr. Fred Davis of Mankato acted as best man. As a beautiful prelude to the marriage ceremony, Julian, the bride's youngest brother sang, "O Perfect Love."

After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. John Wright in the presence of the relatives and immediate

friends, many called to congratulate and bid good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Walter.

They left for the east at eight o'clock going by way of Columbus, where a party of Thetas chaperoned by Mrs. Bell, met them. The stop of one-half hour was not long enough for all the good wishes to be said, and many were hidden in the box of roses that made the remainder of the journey with them. At Lancaster there were more good wishes, and more flowers from the Swarthmore sisters.

To their new home at Wallingford they were welcomed by Mrs. Walter, the groom's mother, and by Thetas from Philadelphia.

The bride has been an enthusiastic member of our fraternity ever since her initiation into Alpha Beta Chapter in 1891. She was corresponding secretary of the Grand Council from 1895-97,—and in October last was elected Grand President. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Walter, Phi Kappa Psi, graduated from Swarthmore College in '91, and is now on the business staff of the *Ladies Home Journal*. He is a prominent worker in the society of Young Friends of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter will be at home Wednesdays in February, at Wallingford.

President's Letter.

It will be noticed that there has been a change in the Grand Council since the last Journal appeared. Mrs. A. W. Smith (or as we know her better, Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith), was chosen at the convention by the delegates of Gamma district as their president. She is unable to serve the fraternity in that capacity as she and her husband expect to travel during the coming year. The chapters have chosen Miss Mary McLean as her successor. It is with regret that Mrs. Smith's resignation is received. A member of Iota, she has served the general fraternity in various capacities

and has always identified herself with the different chapters with which she has been brought in contact. The catalogue briefly states the positions she has held, the last two being Registrar and Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Wellesley College, 1888-1890, and Assistant Professor of Sociology, Leland Stanford Jr. University, 1894, but to those who know her or know of her, these are meagre details of a large and useful life.

Mrs. Smith in a letter to the Grand Council pays a high tribute to Miss McLean, who is a recent graduate of the University of California and a member of Omega chapter, and who is now an instructor in English in Stanford University and chaperone at Phi's chapter house. From an article in the *New York World* on the "youngest woman in the faculty of any western college," we learn that Miss McLean, after completing the classical course in the University of California in '95, took post-graduate work at Radcliffe College. Last year, in company with her mother, she went abroad and studied, first at Oxford and later in Berlin. It was just before they sailed for the old world that the instructorship in English at Stanford was offered to her, and the position was held open for her until her return. Certainly we have reason to be proud of this new member of the Grand Council.

Four years ago when the provision for the election of honorary members was stricken from our constitution, the remark was made (I think it was by our beloved Anna Donney), "Theta's honorary members must be found among those who have been Thetas since college days." That is the goal ahead of every one of us, and it is an inspiration to hear of such sisters as this one from Cornell '80, and the one from the University of California, '95, who have done noticeable work outside our mystic circle.

Another change in the officers of the fraternity is in the editorship of the catalogue. Miss Caldwell, who served the fraternity most efficiently in publishing the catalogue of '95, is unable, on account of ill health, to continue in her

onerous position. She has kindly offered to attend to the printing of the new catalogue blanks, and I am glad to notice that she has lightened the labors of the new editor by her suggestions in the last Journal. The Grand Council has appointed as her successor Miss M. Edith Bell, a charter member of Alpha Gamma, who is teaching at present in the Mechanic Arts High School of St. Paul. To her, then, will be returned the blanks which Miss Caldwell will send out, and with her the chapters must coöperate in order that the new catalogue may be a faithful record of "all of us honorary Thetas."

CAROLINE SARGENT WALTER.

ALUMNÆ DEPARTMENT.

Beta Alumnæ.

Beta Alumnæ has begun the new year with interest and enthusiasm, and our meetings thus far have been well attended and very enjoyable. We expect, a little later, to adopt some definite plan of literary work, but as yet we have simply met very informally, and our main object has apparently been conversation of a more or less improving nature.

In November we listened with great interest to our delegate's account of the Convention, and when she had finished, I am sure that we all wished more than ever that we might have been there too. Psi certainly deserves hearty congratulations for having so successfully carried out such an undertaking.

We were just beginning to congratulate ourselves on having with us this year our new Grand President, Miss Caroline Sargent, but our joy has been turned into mourning, for we are very soon to lose her, as she is to be married during the holidays to Mr. William E. Walter, Swarthmore, '92. We shall miss her more than we can say, but we rejoice with Alpha Beta that she will be near them again, and our love and best wishes will always follow her, wherever she may be.

It has been recently decided that the graduates of the University of Minnesota are now eligible for membership in the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, and on December 4th a reception was given to them by the Minnesota branch of the Association. It was a most enjoyable occasion and one to be long remembered with pleasure by those who were present.

Our local chapter, Upsilon, has been unusually prosperous

this year, and we have constantly more and more reason to be proud of Kappa Alpha Theta in our State University.

We send heartiest greetings and best wishes for a prosperous year to all good Thetas everywhere.

MARY ADAMS VANCLEVE, *U. of M.*, '96.

Epsilon Alumnæ.

“ When 'omer smote 'is bloomin' lyre,
'E'd 'eard men sing by land an' sea ;
An' what 'e thought 'e might require,
'E went an' took—the same as me.”

Indeed, I shall have to browse around in green pastures other than my own, for Epsilon has pursued an ultra-even tenor of a way this fall which is very hard upon the secretary, who is incapable of dashing off sparkles of interest from such a basis, and yet, perchance, who has a modest, though not valuable, reputation to sustain.

We read with appreciative chuckles of delight the very apropos article on Chapter Reports in the last number of the Journal, and then consoled ourselves with the balm of delicious sympathy in the article “ When Mercy Seasons Justice.” And we fervently hope that the need and benefit of a travelling president (so ably discussed by Miss Foster) will be carefully pondered upon by all.

At our last monthly meeting we had a study and criticism of Charles Egbert Craddock. Miss Craine gave us some most interesting thoughts and, like Homer, when 'e went an' took, I should like to steal a few of her points for “ you an' me ”—how Miss Craddock is doing for the Tennessee mountaineers what Harriet Beecher Stowe did for the slaves, how these people of the mountains resemble the Highland Scots, and all the importance of these facts—but I must confine myself to less browsing.

Mrs. Wilson, initiated as Lillian Krum, has a dear little Theta girl born about a month ago. This is the first Theta

baby which we own and we are sure that it believes in the greatness of the fraternity.

During the Thanksgiving vacation Miss Myra Post was the guest of Miss Craine, and a few of the girls were fortunate enough to meet her.

We wish that when the new song book comes to the light of day it might contain some song or march or waltz that is distinctly Theta, and at the same time be new and pretty enough to catch the notice of college people outside of the fraternity, and be well enough known to send all thoughts Thetaward.

It is time to cease and to wish God-speed to Thetas all.

MRS. J. RUSSELL TAYLOR.

Miss Funck's Wedding.

Early in November some of us were the delighted recipients of the following invitation :

*Mr. Daniel Funck
requests the honor of your presence
at the marriage of his daughter*

Harriet Lucretia

to

Mr. Fred J. Miller

*on Thursday evening, November the eighteenth,
eighteen hundred and ninety-seven,
at eight o'clock.*

*First Presbyterian Church,
Wooster, Ohio.*

Of course we availed ourselves of the opportunity to be present at the wedding of our retiring Grand President.

Before the hour announced for the ceremony, the First Presbyterian Church was comfortably filled with the friends and admirers of the two happy people who were so soon to step beyond the bounds of "single blessedness."

It was a beautiful "pink and white" wedding, the color idea being carried out in the decorations, which consisted of

a profusion of pink and white chrysanthemums, intermingled with palms and smilax. An immense wedding bell was suspended directly above the altar.

Promptly at eight o'clock the beautiful strains of Lohengrin sounded from the organ and from the east door of the church came the officiating clergy. They were followed by the groom, Mr. Fred J. Miller of Doylestown, Ohio, accompanied by his brother, Mr. William Miller of Cornell University, who acted as best man.

Up the center aisle of the church came the ushers, Mr. M. Irwin Dunlap of Greenfield, Ohio, and Mr. William B. Doyle of Akron, Ohio. They were followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Blanche Curry and Miss Ethel Roberts, who wore dainty gowns of pink and carried bouquets of pink chrysanthemums. Immediately following them was the maid of honor, Miss Cloe D. Funck, a sister of the bride. Her beautiful gown of peach-blossom silk was most becoming to her graceful figure. But all eyes were turned upon the beautiful bride as she advanced up the aisle leaning on the arm of her father. Her gown of rich brocade satin with its dainty trimmings of pearls and real lace, was exquisite, while the wedding veil added to her loveliness.

The beautiful and impressive ring service was used, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. O. A. Hills, pastor of the church, assisted by Dr. A. J. Imhoff, an uncle of the bride.

The bridal party left the church to the inspiring strains of Mendelssohn and were driven to the bride's home on West South street, where the wedding reception was held.

The color idea was carried out in the house decorations also, and the dining room was a veritable bower of loveliness.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were very generously remembered by their friends and many were the beautiful and useful gifts received by them. Noticeable among them was a handsome set of dinner-forks from the Grand Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta.

After a wedding trip through the east they will be at home to their friends at Doylestown, Ohio.

UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT.

What are our modern magazines but the world's secretary's book? What do they record but the "moved and carried" of the world's action—the short or long steps of the world's progress? They hold the strong essence of

Literary Work the most advanced life of the times. She
in the Chapter. who leaves out of her supply of intellectual food little nibbles at the current literature of the day will find her mental diet sadly lacking in needful condiments. The time will be out of joint with her and worse yet she will be out of joint with the time, and the signs of the times will be to her an unintelligible hieroglyphic.

Does the college girl have time to read, ponder and digest or even to "skip judiciously" through the multitudinous array of current literature? Where is the college girl who is not elbowed by a crowd of immediate interests that filch with avaricious fingers every visible moment of her time? Correspondence, calls, even clothes are left neglected in dusty corners of her memory while she flies from one committee meeting to the next.

Is it not just here that her Fraternity sisters may help her? It would certainly be of the utmost aid to the individual girl and of the most practical training to the chapter if special girls or committees could be interested in different departments of literature. By these girls a frequent report or review might be presented with the widest range of suggestion for thought and discussion. Thus with a trifling increase of effort by the individual member, there results to the chapter the greatest increase of power and efficiency in that there develops in all, the deeper sympathy and wider view akin to Arnold's "sweetness and light." Is it not merely another illustration of the physiological principle that division of labor results in differentiation of tissue and function?

This special plan may appeal only to a part of our chapters but in all, literary work is needed. In colleges where the blessings of fraternity are unknown, purely literary societies and enthusiastic reading circles are warmly supported. May we not combine with the peculiar joys of our fraternity life, the information and inspiration to be gained from our modern literature, and the keen delight from its discussion? So shall we unite the "heart to heart companionship" with "the touch of mind with mind."

That correct taste in literature is needful to every woman must be undoubted. In no other field is her judgment so often required. In influencing others no one thing is more helpful than to direct them to the noblest and best of life as interpreted in literature. Especially is discrimination needed in directing the child mind. Should not every woman make it her accomplishment as well to feed a child's mind as to clothe its body.

Literary work must be sustained by our fraternity chapters. It is needed to improve the tone of our chapter letters. An impartial critic of our Journal would, we believe, unhesitatingly declare that an evident need of our chapter correspondents was a more thorough training along literary lines. We may fairly believe that the correspondent is representative of her chapter in this respect, most certainly she should represent its best literary talent. But we fear in these times the subject of chapter correspondents is a dangerous one. We may have suggested however some slight remedy for the really serious lack of correct form and interesting style of most of the material submitted as chapter letters—a lack which all must deplore. We must strive to train our literary judgment and develop truer appreciations that we may maintain the standard of our fraternity Journal and strengthen its influence with our college girls and alumnæ.

M. E. S., *Alpha Delta.*

The college girl who takes a narrow view of her education, whose perspective is not quite so wide as it should be and will be after she has been for a few years among a somewhat more cosmopolitan circle of friends,

The Aim of Chapter Meeting.resents the thought of bringing anything like work, class room work, into the precious time of fraternity meeting—a time that is jealously guarded and kept for its own special aims and enjoyment. Just now there are interests, many and absorbing, that belong to college life itself, that make the life what it is. Are they not enough? Ought we not to live in and for our college life and make the most of it while we have it? our college girl asks, and with a large share of right on her side of the question. Yes, we should make the most of it and live and enjoy it all to the full. But what does that mean? Does it mean that our interests, work and amusements are to be so centered that we can meet and talk intelligently only to college students who live in the same atmosphere that we do? And that we can bear our share in the conversation only vaguely, or perhaps not at all, when it turns upon topics of every day vital interest to people who are not living the narrow life that we do? Yes, narrow, because it is easy to make our lives narrow, and we women are apt to do so, even among the influences and inducements to broader thinking and living that surround us in college. Or does it mean that we are to so use the opportunities which our college life brings us that our interest and sympathy shall not be limited to one small part of the big world. Do not let us restrict or belittle the part of our education that comes from the fraternity meeting. When the work of preparation is borne by all in turn it is lightened so much that no one need complain and the gain is to all.

L. W.

Why should we college girls who spend most of our time in class rooms and over our books think that we must drag them with us into the only time we have for meeting each

other as fraternity sisters. Why spoil our fraternity meeting that is intended first and foremost as a time for meeting our sisters, by arranging a careful literary program when what we want to do most of all is to forget work and enjoy ourselves together as a chapter. Have we not time enough in our English classes and literary societies for all the literary work that we need without letting it spoil the only time that we have to have a good time with our sisters. Let us keep the fraternity meeting as something we may look forward to for rest and enjoyment, and where the only real work done will be for the chapter and the fraternity, and nothing else shall be allowed to intrude. These hours will be more precious to look back upon than any that we may spend in a literary society.

A Protest.

The paper in the November Journal on literary work in the fraternity interested me and suggested to me the question of just how far the idea should be carried. Personally I am very much in sympathy with my sister from Epsilon. I think that a certain amount of literary work in the chapter is an excellent thing. We, in our chapter, have enjoyed our work in that line very much and have gained a great deal from it. But we never let it take so much of our time as to become tiresome. Some times we have several short five minute reports on current topics every Saturday night. Again, they may come every other week or once a month, but never often enough or long enough to exhaust our interest. The question that occurred to me, however, was whether our work in this line should be extended to our Journal. Personally I think that the duty of the Journal is first to the fraternity and then in whatever comes beyond that, the only subjects permissible are those connected with university or other educational topics. I am sure that the present editors agree with me in this, but I know that some

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of the chapters do not, and perhaps our editor will not thank me for opening this question again. But I think that it is usually my side of the question that is heard from and I wish the chapters that think that purely literary papers should find a place in our fraternity journal would give us their reasons for the faith that is in them.

S. L.

Of late I have often wondered whether our chapters sing enough. It seems to me that nothing binds the girls closer together or will give us sweeter memories when years have come between, than singing together the old Theta songs. What if we don't sing well at first, we will improve, and I don't think any of us will ever regret giving some time after the business session to what I fear is a much neglected of our fraternity life. For what part of our fraternity feature life will we remember with more tender love than those times when all the girls that we loved so well were gathered together, perhaps in the summer twilight or around a crackling winter fire and together we were pledging anew, in joyous song, our love and devotion to the dear old Kappa Alpha Theta. Some of the chapters undoubtedly do better than others in this respect and I think that, taken as a whole, the men are much more given to voicing their devotion to their various orders in this way than we are. One instance comes to mind which may be merely a local custom or perhaps is well known where ever the fraternity exists. However that may be it is a beautiful custom and much admired by those whose pleasure it is to hear and see. When this fraternity holds its meeting all the men march around the house with their hands resting on each others shoulders and sing, with tenderness as well as an inspiring enthusiasm, a song which, although its inner meaning is unrecognized by the outsider, cannot hide a true devotion and homage to the fraternity. Of course I am not advocating this for the girls although I am inclined to think that if each chapter meeting was always opened with song, one of our

unprinted ones perhaps, it would not be a bad thing. But aside from that if we would all sing after the meetings I think we would soon get to look upon this as the most precious part of our evening together. And when we are far removed from our chapter and university life I am sure that not the least of the ties that will bind us to the old chapter, after the girls we have known in it are far scattered, will be the thought that, in the same old chapter room perhaps, with the same familiar objects around them and in the softly changing light of an open fire, there is another circle of girls struggling with the same problems we did, with the same hopes and fears and this very moment perhaps they are singing the very same songs we too used to sing. Unless Chi has had more material sent in than when we last heard they will undoubtedly be singing precisely the same songs. Then in a moment of enthusiasm and home sickness we will hunt out the old song book and sing over the dear old songs ourselves or perhaps teach them to our children, who knows. But unless we will sing and sing more than our own chapter does at least, there will be nothing to hang these memories on and while a fraternity with six active and enthusiastic *alumnæ* chapters can hardly complain of disloyalty and lack of interest on the part of her *alumnæ*, still there are those of us who will not be where we will have the advantage of an active or an *alumnæ* chapter and to these especially I think more singing would add not only to our pleasure in the present but in the future to our loyalty and our love.

J. M. L.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

The date upon which the next chapter letter should be sent out is February 5.

Please write on one side only of the paper, and put the personals on separate sheet headed only by the name of the chapter. Any personal communication to the editor should also be written on a separate sheet.

Please note the way the chapter letters are headed and always arrange them in the same way, putting nothing at the head but the names of the chapter and the university.

Alpha District.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Iota having just returned from the Christmas vacation, and having as yet hardly settled down again to college work and play, has no very recent news to give her sister chapters.

First we must tell a tale of a successful asking day. Five girls are pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. We cannot refrain from telling you their names, although we well know that to you they cannot be so significant as they are to us. They are Alice Dickinson, Elizabeth Dobbin, Jane Caverly, Mary McClure and Jean McGrath. They are all members of 1901, and will, doubtless, be with the chapter for four years. It is more than probable that when you read this they will be no longer pledglings, but true Kappa Alpha Thetas.

To go back still farther, Thanksgiving time most of the girls remained at college and were made particularly happy by the presence of Lillian Swift, '97, and Elizabeth Russell, '99. Besides our Thanksgiving dinner together we enjoyed several other jolly times. Thanksgiving evening Professor Burr entertained us charmingly in his rooms. One of the most delightful of our gatherings was a spread in the chapter

room on Saturday night. This spread was made possible by the coming of an immense box from one of our absent members—Marguerite Hempstead. On this evening we gave our pledged girls a welcome.

Mrs. Comstock leaves us soon to spend the winter term at Leland Stanford. We always miss Mrs. Comstock's presence at chapter meetings and our delightful Tuesday afternoons at her home.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

As we have not initiated, as yet, any new members, we can introduce to you only our four pledglings, of all of whom we shall be very proud. Two of them are Burlington girls. Florence Nelson and Helen Ferguson, another from Bradford—Katherine Parker, and the fourth from St. Johnsbury—Adelaide Marshall. Miss Marshall had the honor to receive not only the entrance prize in Mathematics but also the one in Greek, both amounting to fifty dollars. She was also given honorable mention in Latin.

One of the pleasantest evenings we have spent this year was the one, in which we gave an informal reception to our "Old Girls." There were three present from the class of '76 and almost every class was represented by some one. The time passed very rapidly in telling anecdotes of college life and after refreshments, several of the *alumnæ* responded to toasts, as well as a few from the active chapter. The affair was not without its results, as a meeting was held, at which the plan of forming an *Alumnæ* Chapter was enthusiastically discussed and steps were taken to bring about this much desired addition.

Some of us had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Nansen at a reception tendered him at one of the lovely homes in the city.

The football game between the underclasses resulted in a tie this year. The coaches, in which the girls went, were as prettily decorated as ever. The Sophomore one was especially noticeable, as it was covered with large sunflowers, the class colors being brown and gold. After the Thanks-

giving recess, a reception was given the teams at Grass Mount and it was successful in every respect.

We expect to take two evenings for initiation, this year, and on the first wish to accept the invitation of one of our Alumnæ to drive to her home, which is seven miles from the city and will, therefore, be a novel experiment. At the present, our attention is turned, mostly, toward this initiation, which we hope will be unusually pleasant.

We are all greatly interested to make our Chapter strong and true and never have we been more happy together or more enthusiastic or full of courage.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The rushing season is now over, and we have settled down for reviews. Initiation came Saturday, December 4th, and instead of remaining in our room in the hall, we went down town to the home of one of our alumnæ.

We are very happy with our two new sisters—Mary Ruth Fenner, '01, and Edith Anna Griswold, '00—and we wish that you all might meet them. With our one pledgling we now number fifteen, and a more congenial crowd of girls cannot be found.

The social events of this year have been numerous and very enjoyable. Early in the term Mrs. Smith, an alumna, received for us at her pleasant home, and Mrs. Woodring gave us a very dainty tea.

About the middle of October we entertained at the Eureka in Saegertown, and on Hallowe'en we spent the evening at a country hotel about seven miles from Meadville. An old-fashioned supper was served and games suitable to the day were indulged in.

On the evening of asking day we gave a farce at Mrs. Smith's. One of our old girls, who was visiting us at the time, played the role of a French girl.

Our alumnæ are certainly most loyal to Theta and to Mu. They have done everything possible for us this term. On the nineteenth of November they entertained about three

hundred guests at the home of Mrs. Joshua Douglass. Every one agrees that the reception was the pleasantest ever given at Allegheny.

With all our social pleasures we have not forgotten our work, but have kept up our class standing. One of our number is to have the valedictory on Class Day.

Next term we expect to do no outside rushing, but to give a series of social affairs for our own benefit ; in other words, we are going to "rush ourselves."

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Chi begins her fraternity life for this new year with twenty-eight loyal Thetas united by the bonds of Theta love, and her deepest trust "one in all, and all in one."

Never have we enjoyed a more perfect unity in our chapter than at the present time. Our interests, our aspirations and our ideals are shared with a liberality that puts all selfish aims aside and seeks only the greatest good of each sister, individually and as a chapter.

Since the opening of our college year we have been very busy Thetas entertaining and being entertained. We have made several delightful city friends, who have opened their beautiful homes to us with parties, dinners and receptions.

One evening we devoted to the entertaining of the parents of our city girls. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. On leaving "our fathers," assembling in the lower hall, gave repeated cheers for Chi of Kappa Alpha Theta.

At the close of the football season our appreciation of the hard work done by our team this fall was shown by an informal reception held at our Lodge.

The 27th of January Chi will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the fraternity by a donation party, given by our city parents and friends. All contributions will be made with the view of adding to the beauty, comfort and general homelike atmosphere of our chapter home. The fraternity will present its usual annual presents to the Lodge by classes.

The chapter has organized a quintette, which, assisted by

three pianists and three elocutionists, are arranging dates for concerts in and about the city.

A new Senior society, Eta Pi Upsilon, has been organized in the college for the promotion of interfraternity and college spirit. Three Kappa Alpha Thetas are represented among the charter members.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Christmas with its accompanying vacation has come and gone, and Alpha Beta has again assembled her daughters.

The past few months have been full of business and pleasure, but through them all we feel that Alpha Beta has prospered.

Four sisters of whom we are justly proud have joined the ranks of Kappa Alpha Theta,—Susan E. Atkinson, Caroline Farren Comly, Mary W. Lippincott and Elizabeth Eames Willets.

Alice Lippincott, one of our sisters, recently entertained us in her beautiful home in Siverton on the bank of the Delaware.

Mrs. Franklin Sheble, a Theta sister from Cornell, who is now living in Philadelphia, attended one of our initiations. We enjoyed having her so much, and hope to meet her often.

We are now busy with preparations for our banquet, which is to be held January twenty-ninth, but we will tell you more of this in our next letter.

Alpha Beta sends greetings and many wishes for a Happy New Year.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

The rushing season is over, and initiation likewise, and Alpha Delta has added six splendid girls to her ranks: Mary Stevenson, '99, and Lilian Arthur, Alice Dinger, Ethel Hendrickson, Virginia Norris, and Ethel Sharp, 1901.

The initiation took place December 3, and the banquet,

immediately afterward, was at the Hotel Rennert. The toast list was as follows :

Phoebe J. Appleyard, *Toast Mistress.*

Welcome	<i>Mary E. Sears.</i>
Our Pansy Buds	<i>Alice J. Tone.</i>
Kappa Alpha Theta and College	<i>Onnolee Countryman.</i>
Looking Backward	<i>Carolyn E. Golding.</i>
Looking Forward	<i>Mary Y. Stevenson.</i>
Terrors of the Goat	<i>Alice J. Dinger.</i>

Alpha Delta has been very fortunate lately in having visits from Ethel Lamb and Edith Wilson of Alpha Beta.

Mary Brownell and Anna Hillburn, alumnae from Alpha Beta, are in Baltimore for the winter. Mary Brownell entertained Alpha Delta and her pledglings at her home, on the afternoon of November 26.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

Every moment of this fall term has been full of interest to Alpha Epsilon. The initiation, our very first, demanded a great amount of attention and preparation, awaiting the return of our delegates from the convention, that everything might be complete. Those who have grown up within the bonds of Theta, cannot appreciate with what eagerness we undertook the reception of our new sisters, Martha Wilbur Watt and Ethel Gertrude Westcott. As we received them within our mystic circle, our own hearts throbbed a response, for we recalled a certain day, not long ago, when we were made Thetas. Of the original eighteen, all but one, an alumna who was detained by sickness, were present to help, and the banquet which followed was one of reunion and glad welcome.

During the eight years that women have been admitted at Brown, a small not very attractive building has been used, but with the prospect of a better one in the future. For some of us, that future has become the present, and we are enjoying life within the walls of Pembroke Hall, which was dedicated and presented to Brown University by the Rhode

Island Society for the Collegiate Education of Women, November 22. An address was given by Miss Smith, dean of Barnard College, after which there was a reception, the Seniors, in caps and gowns acting as ushers and serving.

A few of the Theta girls made very sweet and attractive Greek maidens in the play, "The Return of Odysseus," which the students of the University have been giving for the benefit of our College, and we intend, before very long, to utilize our talent among ourselves.

Beta District.

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Can ever peace and quiet be dearer to the hearts of both old and new girls than that following so closely upon an exciting spiking season. It is wonderfully like an April shower in November. Yet, the shower of attentions that pours upon the helpless girls and causes them to bow their heads with unwonted meekness till they have made their decision only makes them flowerlike, wear their new colors more proudly and lift their heads with greater dignity in the sunshine of Theta love.

There are few feelings more wonderful or more indescribable than that between members of the same fraternity and surely no other could, in a few short weeks, convert the newly pledged girl into a loyal, earnest sister.

At the time the last letter was written, we had pledged but six of our eight new members, Florence Newby, Nora Severinghans, Celia Neal, Mary Lane, Mary Stewart, Grace Mikels, Luella McWhirter and Dorothy Howe. The last named two have asked in injured tones, why they were not numbered with the six given in the last Journal as pledged, but at that time the spike was at its height and they had not yet discovered that they were destined to be Thetas.

Our girls have received a generous share of class offices this year, the vice-presidency of three of the classes: Josephine Cartwright, '98; Frances Arnold '99; Luella McWhirter,

'01; while May Daniels, Laura Canady, Florence Dially, Dorothy Howe and Mabel Deacon hold minor offices in the classes of '98 and '00.

Frances Arnold is Asst. Editor of the '98 *Mirage*, Elizabeth McIntosh also is a member of the *Mirage* Board, and Myrtle Ridpath is Asst. Literary Editor of our College paper, the *Palladium*. We have also an unusual honor in having as Secretary, and also as the first and only woman on the Athletic Board, Josephine Cartwright.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Beta Chapter sends greetings to all Thetas.

On October fifteenth we moved into our new chapter house. It is a model of coziness and convenience,—quite the ideal chapter house that we have been looking for so long,—and we are very happy and contented in it. We have opened it formally by a reception in the afternoon, to all the women of the university and faculty, and by an "open meeting" at night. Both were very pleasant and successful.

We had a six weeks' contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma this year. On November second it expired and we are now proud to introduce to you our four new girls:—Helen Benbridge and Elizabeth Parker of Terre Haute, Alta Brunt of Anderson and Sue Howe of Indianapolis. We find a six weeks' contract much more successful than the one for four weeks that we had last year and we are hoping for a term's contract next year.

We are glad to welcome back three of our "old girls" this year; also two from sister chapters.

We enjoyed a visit from seven of our Alpha sisters November eighth when a football game between Indiana University and DePauw was played. If our sisters did not enjoy the visit so much as we, we must blame it all on our football team—for the score was 18 to 0 in Indiana's favor. On Thanksgiving when the next game was played and the next victory won, only two of our girls were able to accept

the invitation of the Alpha girls to visit them at Greencastle. They were very delightfully entertained.

Beta wishes all an enjoyable vacation, a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Since our last letter we have heard much of other Chapters and other Thetas from our delegate to the convention. It broadens our interest and increases our enthusiasm, to come in touch with so many eager workers, and I only wish that every member of every chapter might have had that opportunity. We spiked our new girls sooner than we had expected and sooner than we really wished owing to the fact that Pi Beta Phi broke our mutual agreement, by announcing their determination to pledge new girls more than a month before the expiration of the time agreed upon. But we are glad to introduce to you our five new girls, Louise Beasley, Nell Trevett, Mary Davis, Edith Wright and Lora Wright. Mary Davis has already undergone the trying ordeal of initiation and Louise Beasley will have her turn very soon.

The University of Illinois is very proud of its new Library building which has at last been completed. The interior has been beautifully decorated under the direction of Mr. N. A. Wells, an artist from Paris.

Delta wishes a happy and prosperous New Year to all her sister Chapters.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

The first event of importance since the publication of the last quarterly, was the marriage of our ex-grand president, Harriet Lucretia Funck to Mr. Fred A. Miller, Cornell '91, which occurred on Nov. 19. The First Presbyterian Church, at which the ceremony took place, was very beautifully decorated with palms and chrysanthemums.

Epsilon had two representatives among the bridesmaids—

Miss Blanche Curry and Miss Cloe Funck, a sister of the bride and also maid of honor.

About four hundred friends witnessed the tying of the nuptial knot. Epsilon attended in a body. Among the many lovely presents the one of Kappa Alpha Theta attested the love of the general fraternity for Miss Funck. After a wedding trip to New York, the happy couple returned to their home at Doyleston where we are sure Mrs. Miller will welcome any disciple of the kite.

We have added a new girl to our number, Charlotte Wilhelm, 1901. We feel justly proud of our prize.

Last Saturday evening the old and new Thetas met at the fraternity rooms and enjoyed a program which had been especially prepared for the occasion, after which we partook of a bountiful spread. What draws the fraternity girls closer than an occasional evening spent in this manner? Our school duties may make us forgetful of our circle of sisters, for a time, but after such an evening, our enthusiasm is redoubled and our love for our sisters warmer and truer than ever.

Epsilon seconds the sentiments of our sister from Omega. Surely we can afford to be sincere one with another and so be to each other true sisters.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since Beta last wrote changes both pleasant and sad have come into her life.

When the college year opened her active membership was ten; but during the early part of the semester Editha Dann, who had been delayed in returning to college because of illness, found the work in her delicate condition too heavy and returned home. This was a great disappointment to the chapter for she was one of its strongest girls, whose cool judgment was a counterpoise to the exuberance of spirits so often found in a chapter.

Another disappointment was in the parting with Mary Rice, a young girl who entered college this fall and a sister

of one of our girls. She made her home with us and was loved by all. Her health broke down and she has gone back to her home in California.

Our initiation has taken place and four new names have been added to our chapter roll, Margaret Jones, Katherine Veit, Jane Pollack, and Grace More. They are all girls of fine principles and each has found a place in our life and work which no one else can fill.

As a chapter we are delighted because we have a third patroness, Mrs. Brewster, the wife of one of the professors in the Law Department. She is a charming little woman whom we all admire and love, for she makes us feel that her interest in Eta of Kappa Alpha Theta is keen.

Shortly before the holidays, Miss Snow, a member of Iota Chapter some years ago, came to fill a place in the Botanical Department of our University. She has been abroad for six years, spending the last two and a half as a teacher of a school at Constantinople. She is a very interesting woman. A few days ago she entertained us when we had a little company by telling something of her travels. Eta thinks herself fortunate in knowing Miss Snow.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The big happening in our little fraternity circle—since our first letter—has been the initiation of five new girls, all pledged this year. The ceremony was held at a pretty house near the edge of town. There was a large attendance of old and young, that is, the old and young in fraternity life, and this combination, as usual, gave both the proper dignity and the right enthusiasm to the occasion.

This year's Thetas are from all parts of the state, from homes of different habits, so that through them we are receiving many interesting and original ideas; and we have another advantage, our girls are working not only in the regular collegiate department, but they are busy in the music and art schools, are writing for the newspapers, and active in all branches of college interest.

Most everything lately has been in rather a serious vein, but on February eleventh we will open the party season with our big annual, and its too bad, it really is, that every chapter cannot be present in order that every Theta might be the guest of dear old Kappa.

NU—HANOVER COLLEGE.

It is impossible to realize that the time has come for another chapter letter—so many things to take up the time of a college girl! If one did not have so many pleasant duties to perform perhaps the more imperative ones would receive more time and attention, as they should. After a most successful spiking season, we feel proud to introduce to you four new Thetas, who were initiated since our last letter—Mary Singleton and Nette Clemmons, of Hanover; Florence Thomson, Cherokee, Iowa, and Jessie Stewart, College Corner, Ohio, all 1901. We feel that we are very fortunate in adding these to our numbers, as they are all lovely girls and of the proper spirit for Thetas. Miss Glendora Ramsey, '93, and Miss Virginia Overton, '96, assisted us in the initiation.

Our girls enjoyed the report of our delegate, Jessie Young, so much. Though one can't thoroughly appreciate the proceedings of a convention, yet we were brought into close touch with the delegates by the splendid report which was brought to us. Our only regret was that we could not all attend the convention, but since that was impossible, the next thing was to have a delegate who could give such a report as we had. We discussed the convention and fraternity matters till we almost forgot to go home from our meeting.

Miss Post made us a flying visit Sunday and Monday after Thanksgiving. As soon as we heard that she was coming we made great plans as to what we would do, but were to be disappointed, as she left on Monday at noon. However, "all small favors thankfully received." We were delighted to have her even for so short a time, and not only our girls, but other students have spoken so many times since of how much they liked Miss Post. "So say we all of us."

PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

Pi's alma mater, after welcoming her with outstretched arms and giving her a few weeks of "jest and jollity," has settled down with a stern look on her classical brow and smiles reprovingly at all attempts at merry making, and everything in the social line is "as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean." Indeed, a spread during the last few weeks would have seemed a real ineptitude. Everyone seems determined to drive Euphrosyne "to dwell in some idle brain," and to strive with efforts unceasing for the guerdon of good scholarship. She who excels in the classroom is indeed the heroine of the hour. We have, however, a few things to vary the monotony of our existence and they are so habitual that they, too, might become monotonous were they not so dear to the hearts of every one of Pi's eleven Thetas.

Bear with us while we tell you—they are only dreams and plans, all of which shall be realized, we hope, next term. They are about the dedication of our new lodge, for our Kats' Kradle, which for so long a time has been but an ephemeral castle in the air, at last is really and truly *in esse*, and stands in all its glory upon the campus. It is needless to say that those as yet bare walls and floors are the illimitable joy and pride of each of us, and so great was our haste to be in it that some of our most enthusiastic sisters prevailed upon us to have fraternity meeting there on one of our coldest days, before we had the furnace in. Although we made a fire in the grate, we received so cold a reception that we were obliged to turn our steps and enthusiasm in another direction. Will our sisters allow us to inflict upon them a short description of it? To begin with, Mother Nature and the college authorities seem to have been especially propitious in giving us so pleasant a situation as we have in the midst of the college grove. There is a large porch across the front of the lodge and partly around one side. On the first floor are the large parlor or reception room, a back parlor, and a spacious hall in which

there is a beautiful staircase leading to the dressing rooms above. In the basement are the dining room and kitchen. In one end of the reception room is a tower containing a window seat, and with hard-wood floors, electric lights, etc., we feel that ours is a model Theta home.

Last Saturday night we entertained our pledglings who are all filled with the inevitable desire to know the secrets of Greekdom. Not until then, as we sat around the fire-place popping corn and talking over prospects did we realize that we no longer should be obliged to take long journeys on the wings of our imagination, but that our wanderings are really ended, and we have at last reached the goal of our desires. All of our spare time now is devoted to making sofa pillows innumerable, and plans for furnishing our home.

In our rushing, our last year's Senior sisters in absentia proved to be an irreparable loss. Though the number of our "acquisitions" is small, we feel sure that they who are, are truly worthy. We are very much pleased to introduce Carroll Childs as our one initiate, and Alice Wixom, Ada Rogers, Hattie Dalrymple and Jennie Stone as our pledglings.

We were all delighted a few weeks ago by the unexpected return of Nellie Adams, who will finish her course in the art studies this year.

Next term Dr. John Ashley, president of Lima Seminary, N. Y., will take the place of president of Albion vacated by Dr. Fiske. Although our thoughts are not unalloyed with sadness at the departure of Dr. Fiske, yet we feel sure that Albion will prosper under the presidency of Dr. Ashley.

Pi wishes every Theta a very Merry Christmas, and a most happy and prosperous New Year.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The Journal has just arrived this week and you all probably know from your own experience how anxiously we have awaited it—the first Journal after convention ; and now we are to have another one so soon that we have already begun to look forward to that. When our last letters were sent,

most of us were in the very crisis of our "rushing" season and we hope every chapter has been as successful as Rho, for, since that time, she has been made happy by a great victory. We were then "rushing" one girl and enduring the greatest suspense, for our two rivals of old were work-quite as hard as we were, but Theta was victorious, and on the eleventh of November we had the pleasure of placing the black and gold bow upon Miss Selma Wiggenhorn of Ashland. The following evening we initiated her at the home of Leola Vancil, and after the formal ceremony, nineteen happy Thetas gathered around a beautifully-decked banquet table at Anna Barr's.

On the Friday afternoon of the Thanksgiving recess Lena Loomis entertained the Thetas and many outside friends with a musicale, given for Mrs. Packard of Beta chapter, and now a resident of Chicago. We were all charmed with her singing and so pleased to meet another Theta sister. Elizabeth Bonnell, also of Chicago, one of our own alumnae, came the next day, but stayed only until Sunday, as did Mrs. Packard. It is so pleasant to meet Thetas from other chapters that it is much to be regretted that we have the opportunity so seldom.

November 19th Kappa Kappa Gamma gave a dancing party at the "Lincoln," and on the Wednesday following, Delta Delta Delta gave another at the same place, Thetas being well represented at both.

A word concerning our football team may not be amiss here, for we are justly proud of the fact that we did not lose a league game and won the Inter-state Pennant.

The University of Nebraska has suffered a deep loss in the recent death of Lieutenant Jackson, Commandant of the University Regiment. This was his first year with us, but in the short time for which he was spared, he made some marked improvements and gave promise of a very successful term here, had not death prevented.

Now that convention is over, we are beginning to look forward to the new song book, and Rho is busily engaged in

doing her share, with some slight difficulty, for the muse of poetry seldom comes when especially wanted.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The winter days have come in earnest and with them all that of which it breathes. No more strolling figures can be seen sauntering along the lake shore, but, in their stead, the hurrying forms of earnest students whose brisk footsteps resound on the crisp winter air, making us realize that life is not all an "idle dream."

The same round of daily lessons is completed, night after night the same books are opened, each successive day brings with it the same trials and temptations to be overcome—the little weaknesses, jealousies, heart-burnings—but there is always one night in each week that is an oasis in our desert of work, a clear shining light that brightens our way, when we all gather within the sheltering walls of our dear old Fraternity hall, whose very atmosphere sheds around us a sense of peace and rest that freshens and strengthens us for the new tasks that await us. There we are ever sure of a warm sympathy and love that only these friends can give who are bound to us by the most solemn vows.

Dear sisters, these are among the sweetest friendships of our lives! The poet's pen alone can tell the depth and height and duration of these sweet affections. Their record is in the hearts. Let us, therefore, guard them with the utmost vigilance and try never by word, look or sign, to wound the sensitive hearts that are beating so close to ours.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Ever since our five girls came back from Madison, Upsilon has felt even more enthusiastic than ever for Theta; if such a thing were possible. They told us of "oh, such a glorious time!" and "how delightful it was to meet all the Thetas."

We were very happy to have with us six of the Madison Thetas who came down for the football game between

Madison and Minnesota ; and we think that we made them happy for we let them win the game.

Although work overwhelms us we do not allow it to crowd out our jolly good times together. Our six freshmen are the embodiment of all that the heart could desire. They cheerfully do all they are bidden, even to sweeping the frat rooms. Long before this letter will have reached you, there will be a new Theta, Grace Barker of St. Paul, who has been pledged to us for some time but who has just come to college ; and Maud Moehler has promised to be a Theta when she comes which will probably be after the holidays. Both of them are charming girls.

We are enjoying our new fraternity rooms ever so much and they have been the scene of many jolly Theta meetings. But the topic which is engrossing our attention most of all just now is the dancing party which we give on December tenth at the West Hotel to our men friends. How we wish that you could all be with us to enjoy the good time.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Now that the Convention, so long looked forward to, is over we have settled down to work. It was hard to do so after having met so many sisters and having had so good a time. We are more loyal Thetas than ever before and very proud of our fraternity.

But though we have worked hard we have had a good deal of fun. Six of us went up to the Minnesota-Wisconsin game at Minneapolis, the 30th of October. The girls were entertained by the Upsilon girls and by one of our own alumnae, Winifred Sercombe. In the evening after the game the Upsilon girls gave a Hallowe'en party for our girls at the home of Franta Soule, and the next afternoon Miss Sercombe gave an informal reception for them at her home.

Then the 13th of November nine of the girls went down to the Chicago game. Part came home that night and part spent Sunday at the home of Eileen and Winifred Smith,

at Wheaton. Thanksgiving day two of the girls went on a drag party to the Northwestern-Wisconsin game. Perhaps you do not all know that the winning of that game gave Wisconsin the championship in football.

Our rushing this year has not been very violent. We have given but very few parties, and have confined ourselves mostly to drives, quiet times at the lodge, and a cosy little tea at Anna Strong Parkinson's. But as a consequence of our rushing we won four lovely girls. Two of these, Kate and Phoebe Buell, are only pledged, they do not think they can join us this year. But the 3rd of November we initiated the other two, Ina Langley and Nettie Wright and now we are very proud to introduce them as full-fledged Thetas. We are continuing our rushing quietly as there are a number of girls yet in High School whom we think would make fine Thetas.

Next Saturday our whole chapter is going down to Blanche Brigham's home at Evansville to a big party. We expect to have a very good time.

With best wishes to all Thetas.

Gamma District.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

The wise man who said "Enthusiasm is not man's normal condition," knew not of what he spoke,—for once he failed in his wisdom. For never lived a more normal and enthusiastic girl than Ada Edwards when she returned in October from the Kappa Alpha Theta convention. The very atmosphere she brought with her was exhilarating, and on atmosphere alone did she make us live for a day or two. To every question we asked she replied, "Just wait till the meeting; then I'll tell you *everything*, girls; if you make me start now I won't eat or sleep till I finish." So we let her eat and sleep, living ourselves on her atmosphere for at least three whole days, and then came the meeting. It was late that night before we got to bed. And then came

other meetings and all kinds of questioning interviews, until each girl had found out the things she chiefly wanted to know about the convention. And ever since has come the carrying over of our inspiration into our fraternity work. Perhaps the one thing from the convention that pleased Phi most was the emphasis laid upon the necessity for deeper interest in the fraternity as a whole as against chapter interests.

On November 13th, we had our initiation, and took in all the new girls we had asked,—six of them. They seem to be most precocious Freshmen, for already they have had three private meetings, and do what we will we cannot make them tell what they are planning. We have used force and threats and sweet persuasion, but none of them work. The initiation went off very well; we had with us six of our resident graduates, a few of our own alumni and Miss Hickson from Omega. Here is a list of the toasts:

Welcome,	Edith Bamhisel
"To Kappa Alpha Theta, this night we welcome thee, Within our mystic circle thou'lt loved and cherished be."	
Response,	Etilla Bethell
"I greet thy love, not with vain thanks, but with acceptance bounteous."	
Kappa Alpha Theta as a Factor in Education,	Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith
To improve the golden moment of opportunity, and catch the good that is within our reach, is the great art of life.	
The Twelfth Convention,	Edna Dickson
"Imbued with sanctity of reason."	
The Chapter House,	Margaret Deming
"Blow high, blow low, not all its snow Could quench our hearth fire's ruddy glow."	
The College Maid,	Marie Markham
What's in a name! A girl's a girl for a' that.	
Ada Edwards,	<i>Toastmistress</i>

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

On October 8th Omega welcomed into her midst three new members, Agnes Borland, 1900, Agnes Frisius and

Isabel Godin of the class of 1901. The initiation was held at the home of Minnie Wilson, '00. It was a great pleasure to have with us that evening four sisters from Phi and a number of our own alumnae.

One of our great pleasures this term was in hearing the report of our delegate to the convention. It is certainly a great privilege to be able to meet members from all the chapters, and to find out more definitely through their representatives what they are and what their aims and pursuits are. We feel that the convention of '97 has done an important work and has confirmed measures which will be of great value to us all, rousing us to a sense of what we individually are expected to do for the fraternity at large.

An important work has begun here in our university which aims to bring about among the women students closer associations and mingling of joys and sorrows. We have no dormitory system at California, and we all feel that it is partly due to this that so many of the young women come to college and get their education and go away again without ever experiencing any of the joys that we as fraternity women have so often and abundantly. In the pursuit of this a series of afternoon teas has been inaugurated, the first of which was held in Stiles Hall in November. It is planned to have one every month, and if the attendance continues as large as it was at the first we have every reason to hope that the plan will be a success. Aside from the teas, organizations of various kinds, musical clubs, etc., are to be started, which will greatly interest many and give pleasure to others. In this manner fraternity and non-fraternity women will mingle and work together in the clubs and on the committees. The President of the Associated Women Students, Marion Whipple, '98, one of our chapter, has met with the hearty support of many of the college women, and feels that she can rely upon many for aid and interest in the development of the work which we all enthusiastically endorse.

With best wishes for the new year.

PERSONALS.

ALPHA.

Elsie Applegate, '97, of Indianapolis, Asst. Librarian of the City Library spent Thanksgiyng Day in Greencastle.

Sadie Vickery, '97, has been serving as snbstitute in the High School at Evansville, Ind.

Mary Talbot, '97, spent a few days in Greencastle, on her way to her new home in Evansville.

Freda Tucker, '99, has again entered the University.

BETA.

Gertrude Simons was married in October to Mr. Rufus Ray Beardsley, Phi Delta Theta. Their home will be in Elkhart.

We are glad to have Florence Myrick with us again this year. She has been appointed editor-in-chief of "*The Student*," our college paper.

Virginia Claybough of Alpha is with us this year.

Helene Slack is spending the winter in New York.

Blanche Blynn and Helen Griffiths are two of our "old girls" whom we are glad to welcome back.

Julia Wier has returned from Boston, where she has been studying in the Conservatory of Music for the past year.

DELTA.

Mabel Zilly, '97, is teaching in the Champaign Public Schools.

Bertha Pillsbury, of '95, has returned to Radcliffe to complete her course.

Susan Thompson, '97, is teaching in Chicago.

Mary A. Greene, '98, is studying at Radcliffe this year.

Marion Wright has a position as court stenographer at Urbana, Illinois.

IOTA.

Cora E. Smith, '94, is cataloguing the library at Geneseo.

Ada B. Parker, Chi, is at Cornell for the winter term.

Born to Mrs. Rosamond Field Esty, '90 a daughter on December twenty-fourth 1897.

Clara Kerr, '91, and Clara Schouton, '94, are studying at Göttingen, Germany.

Mrs. Adeline E. Prentiss, '85, is spending the winter at her orange grove in Florida.

Margaret F. Washburn having recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever has resumed her duties as Professor of Psychology at Wells College.

LAMBDA.

Mary Ellen Goodrich '94 was married, on December first, to Mr. E. R. Wyman of Starksboro.

Leirion Johnson has returned to her art studies in New York.

Elizabeth Norton having finished her duties at the Billings' Library, has gone to her home in Albany, New York.

MU.

Margaret Paisley is not with us this term, but is teaching in the public schools of Mahonington.

Chloe Bartholomew and Sara Moore spent a week with the girls in the hall.

Myrna Langley, '96, who is teaching in the Rayen School, Youngstown, Ohio, was with us at our initiation.

Millicent Davis, '96, spent a few days with us at the first of the term, while on her way to Wilkes-Barre, where she is engaged in Y. W. C. A. work.

PI.

Miss Isabella Wright, ex. '00, and Mr. H. H. Harris were married at Greenville, Mich. Dec. 8, '97. At Home, Coldwater, Mich.

Married, October 19th.—Miss Harriet Gillam, ex. '98, to Mr. F. B. Holden. Mr. and Mrs. Holden will reside in Lansing.

On Nov. 3rd, L. Adella Merrill, ex. '00, was married to Mr. J. I. Conklin. They will be at home in Plaquemine, La.

Miss Mame Hitchcock was married to Mr. C. Davis of Detroit, Nov. 24th.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Marian Hathaway, '93, to Mr. J. L. Langdon, ex. '95, Dec. 29th. Mr. Landon is a member of Sigma Xi Fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Landon will live in Springport.

Miss Maud Cooper, ex. '98, and Mr. Chas. Beacher were married last October.

UPSILON.

Born, Nov. —, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Burch (*née* Harriet Jackson), of Minneapolis, a daughter.

Born, Nov. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Colwell (*née* Hattie Felton), of Minneapolis, a daughter.

Miss Mary Goodsill, '95, was married Nov. 10, to Dr. George L. Todd.

Elsie Gibbs, '96, is with us again this term.

PHI.

Alice Plested of Alpha has affiliated with Phi.

May Hume, ex-'98, is traveling in Europe this year.

Cora and Minna Stillman, daughters of Dr. Stillman, vice-president of Stanford University, are among Phi's new members.

CHI.

Miss Lottie Gooding, ex. '98, was married on October 27th, to Mr. Henry G. Dimon, Groton, N. Y.

Miss Olive Ross, '97, was married on September 22nd to Dr. Charles Walsch, Cornell '84.

Miss Gladys Hibbard, ex. '97, was married on July 27th to Dr. J. O. Stranahan of Poughkeepsie, Syracuse '96.

Miss Myrtle Thompson, '95, visited the chapter in December.

PSI.

The engagement of Laura Osborne, '97, to Dr. Louis Austin, Delta Kappa Epsilon, was announced in August. Dr. Austin is assistant professor in Physics.

Grace Loomis, ex. '97, has a fellowship in the Rockford, Illinois, College for women.

Anna Strong Parkinson, '94, is once more making Madison her home. She has been living in South Dakota for the past two years, where her husband had a professorship in the Brookings College.

Juliet Harris, '95, has returned to take work on the Hill for her master's degree.

May Carlton, '96, is taking post graduate work to fit herself to be an architect.

Nell Leith, '91, was married in June to James Sabin.

Edna Langley whom we initiated last June is to be married at Christmas time to Mr. Fred Wright.

Martha James, '96, again has the scholarship in Pharmacy, and is also taking work on the Hill for her B. S. degree.

Catherine Browne, '93, was married on November 2nd to Edward Morten of Milwaukee.

OMEGA.

Lucretia Watson, ex '97, expects to return to college next term having been obliged to leave on account of ill health.

Elsie Lee, '89, will be married in January to Mr. Fred Turner, '87.

EDITORIAL.

The question of literary work in the chapter has called forth several replies and only one short but energetic protest. As usual the truth lies in a golden mean between the two extremes and each chapter must decide for herself what her course shall be. And that course will be decided largely by the tone of the college in which the chapter is situated. To those placed in college where literary societies obtain it would be folly to make the fraternity meeting an adjunct to these societies. In other colleges in which literary societies are unknown or where their aims are limited the chapter enjoys most thoroughly its discussions of current literature, music and art, and is very willing to give the necessary work and time for the preparation of the programme. Each one must work in her own way and the only absolutely certain thing is that work there must be if the chapter is to have a healthy growth. No organization can exist without it and our interest will not long stand the strain of idleness. But do not let us go to the extreme of carrying our work too far. All the time spent without a serious purpose is not wasted. It is not the smallest part of our education that comes to us during the hours when we are off duty as it were and can afford to throw ourselves heart and soul into the pursuit of happiness and the cultivation of the sense of humor that we as women are so often told that we do not possess.

The editor has before this given her views upon the scope of the fraternity journal and she does not limit it so closely as does our correspondent in the active department of this number. To fraternity and educational subjects she adds anything that is in the line of what we call woman's work in many and varied divisions. This opens a wide range of subjects but surely every line in which her sisters are doing

earnest work is of interest to the college woman. Beyond this the editor thinks that a fraternity journal should not go but she welcomes a discussion of the subject. One of the chief functions of the journal is to offer an opportunity for the discussion of questions upon which the chapters differ and it would not only add to the interest of our quarterly but also enable us to come to a conclusion on the disputed point if this were more frequently taken advantage of. If instead of always seeking some new thing to write about the chapters that are interested in the questions that come up from time to time in the active department, would answer these questions or discuss them from the standpoint of their own experience, our readers would all be the gainers.

It is not long since the editor in the pride of her heart remarked upon what she considered a fact worth noticing, not once during the two years of her editorship had she received a chapter letter written upon both sides of the paper. Her pride has since had a fall. In the last number of the Journal was a letter that she was obliged for this reason to rewrite. And worse still in this number the same chapter correspondent offended again and in exactly the same way. This was a severe shock to the editor's pride and confidence in the Journal correspondents and she sincerely hopes that as soon as she has finished this paragraph the first thing that the offending correspondent will do will be to read, mark, inwardly digest and act upon the suggestions to correspondents printed at the beginning of the chapter letters. And at the same time the editor asks every corresponding secretary to give as exact an address as possible for the fraternity directory and then promptly report any change.

The inter-chapter exchange among the publications of the women's fraternities has been revived and each chapter and

member of the Grand Council should now receive copies of these journals. Will chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta that do not receive these journals and chapters of the other fraternities that do not receive the KAPPA ALPHA THETA please report to the editor in order that the mistake may be corrected. This exchange should be of much benefit to the chapters as well as very interesting and the files of the various magazines should be kept in the chapter library with the files of our own Journal.

EXCHANGES.

That transferred members of fraternities do not always meet with receptions of a kindly and fraternal nature from sister chapters is illustrated by the following stories from the *Beta Theta Pi* for December.

If the conditions stated below exist in that fraternity, Beta Theta Pi has reason to be congratulated ; and could the same ideal state be reached by other fraternities, it would prove of lasting benefit not only to those members whose treatment is at the mercy of sister chapters but also to the fraternity at large.

"There always will be social inequality, so long as men differ in the mental, physical or financial qualifications necessary to social success, but we have observed, through a considerable period of time, covering at least five college generations, that within the fraternity there has been no attempt to divide the brothers by social lines.

Such is not the case with some of the fraternities however. We have heard many stories about transfers and the social differences between the chapters. It may not be uninteresting to repeat one or two."

One story, told us by a member of one of those extremely exclusive "clubs" in an eastern college, where they have no use for transfers, and where they feel they are much superior to the fraternity, runs thus: One evening the chapter, or "club," as he said, was visited by a student who had been a member of their fraternity in one of their western chapters, called by the story-teller one of the "hayseed colleges," and he had come to the eastern college to take special or post-graduate work. The reception he met with was very chilling ; they scarcely looked at him ; in fact, had no use for him. He occupied while at "the club" one of the large easy chairs in front of a big grate fire, but did not have an opportunity to enter into the conversation. He stayed awhile, and when he got up to go he said, "Good night, fellows!" and was not even greeted with a reply. It is hardly necessary to add that he never called at that chapter-house again.

The other story that came to us, also told us by a member of another fraternity, happened at a Beta chapter-house in the west. The occasion was at a time when several Betas were attending a college where there was no Beta chapter and which was a great distance from the chapter of their origin. There was a Beta chapter at a nearby college, however, where persons from the locality at which these Betas were initiated were assumed to be rather uncultivated and lacking in style. It was known at this college that the Betas were going to give a large reception, and it was also known to a great many in the college that the other group of Betas were at this neighboring college, and they wondered what the chapter would do. The chapter sent their Beta brethren special invitations to attend the reception, and while they were not of the exact social stripe of the members of the chapter, and did not appear in exactly the same conventional clothes, the chapter put themselves to great trouble to see that the visitors had an extra good time, and the story-teller stated that the chapter received great praise from the outsiders for the way they had acted.

The October *Arrow*, in an article concerning "Rushing" brings up the oft-discussed "kind of woman sought." The suggestions given are valuable in that they emphasize the uselessness and possible harmfulness of passive girls in a chapter.

It is in such cases preëminently that there should be absolute individuality of thought and individual exercise of the fraternity prerogative.

If the girl in question is indisputably refined and lady-like, yet lacks spiritual responsiveness and the courage of her own convictions, the one dissenting voice generally proves the fraternity's savior from parasites, which are certainly doubtful acquisitions. We quote the following paragraphs :

Though methods must necessarily differ in the small and the large colleges, yet one thing remains the same—the kind of woman sought. For it is a woman we seek, is it not? A chapter can not afford to number among its freshmen too many little girls—though they may make the very best seniors. It is not for the good of the fraternity that unknown powers lie dormant so long.

A chapter does not want all gay girls or all sober ones ;

neither all exceedingly studious maidens nor shining social lights. We must not look for a perfect girl, for if by chance one such lone, stray mortal should be found, she would undoubtedly be looking for a perfect chapter, and we might not meet the requirements. We should not expect that any one girl can have all the desirable characteristics—gaiety, sober-mindedness, studiousness and all the rest, but we can and do expect that she can have, whether gay or sober, studious or socially inclined, a quiet womanly dignity which will insure her a good mental and social standing in college, and we also expect a certain amount of enthusiasm to carry into her fraternity. Fraternity parasites are exceedingly doubtful acquisitions.

We should seek girls excelling in various lines, but let none of these excellencies be abnormally developed—to the detriment of many congenial qualities.

Finally, let us seek the womanly girl, *the one having the courage of her convictions, and whatever may be her predominating characteristics, not lacking in that sixth sense which, though called common, is too often wanting.*

Psi of Delta Gamma at the Woman's College of Baltimore will henceforth assume the editorship of *Anchora* with Miss Joe Anna Ross as editor-in-chief. Their first issue the November number, with its new cover of unique and attractive design and its abundance of original and interesting thought, bids fair to maintain *Anchora's* usual standard of excellence. We quote from an article on Real Fraternity Spirit :

We want to appreciate our college days to their greatest extent and to live them in their fullness.

The question is : "How to do it?"

A favorite answer, and one that seems to me to have good sense for its basis, is : "Through your friendships." Make friends ; to the right and left ; in your fraternity, and out of it ; of those on a higher plane and of those you fondly imagine your inferiors. Make friends, good comrades, not silly confidants. Make them everywhere.

Apart from the sentimental yet perfectly true claim,—that often a smile or a pleasant word will brighten someone's day, there is an ethical value attached to these college friendships. In no other place are we on such a democratic footing as in college. We each one make our own place in the world. Outside, wealth or poverty, public opinion, social standing,

one thing and another, will separate us. Here in college, we are all on a level and here we have the best possible opportunity of knowing one another, of learning various standpoints, of appreciating widely different characters, of broadening our own lives with sympathy for others.

A good deal might be said on the worldly value of college friendships. In our future there might easily come a time when a kindly word from our fellow students would stand us in good stead.

In short, from an ethical, a sentimental and a worldly standpoint, while you are going to college, make friends. Do not live within a narrow circle. Be a fraternity girl but do not confine your friendly attentions to a few who happen to be particularly congenial. Learn to know as many as possible and to care for them. Live to the full your college life. It will bring you happiness.

The KAPPA ALPHA THETA for November contained a few sentiments on the subject of criticism. We are pleased to hear the January *Key* sounding the same note :

“ The question asked by Beta Delta in the October *Key* as to whether it is the chapter's business to criticize small personal shortcomings in the younger members especially invited the thoughts of Epsilon, and after some careful consideration she wishes to give her conclusions, hoping that therein Beta Delta may find a partial answer, at least to her query.

By the word criticism we should remember is meant not only the finding of the flaws in one's character but also the commendable points. A new girl comes into our chapter. We as older members should be quick to see and recognize all that is sweet and good in her, thus encouraging her to the attainment of a fuller development of those virtues already possessed and to the addition of others.

But no girl can be perfect and it is here that Epsilon wishes to offer a few suggestions as to the attitude of the chapter toward the girl in question. Suppose she, new and a stranger to college ways, before her entrance into the fraternity had formed certain associations, seemingly advisable to her, but not at all desirable in the eyes of her older and more experienced sisters. Why shouldn't they in a tactful way open the girl's eyes to the things which she in her impulsiveness has overlooked? This can be done in a spirit not of fault-finding, but love and if the girl have the right spirit herself she will profit by the advice.

Then perhaps her habits of studying and reading have not yet been formed or may be tending in a direction that in the end will prove harmful to her whole life. By quiet suggestion and most emphatically by good example she could be brought to see what was best and to act accordingly. Or her tastes in music, art or literature may have been as yet uncultivated. Here would be an opportunity for the lovers of any one of these arts to win for them an admirer as ardent as themselves.

But above all, before we attempt any criticism whatever, we should realize to the best of our ability the ideals which we wish to place before our younger sisters. Then perhaps more than by words of kindly advice, we could in a subtler way lead our charges into higher planes of thought and action."

The same number of the *Key* contains the following attractive "*Pledge-Day Lyric*" contributed by a Cornell Sophomore :

I went to my love in hope and fear,
Trembling alternately,
And whispering, asked if she would share
Her future life with me.
She glanced up with a smiling face
And looked so true and good,
Then put her little hand in mine
And softly said she would.
Oh, my little Kappa pledgling,
On some dark night near by,
We'll go to a bright lit altar
And get married, you and I,
And when the service is over
And you are fast bound to me,
Instead of a ring, as token,
I'll give you a Golden Key.

Those of us who have not already learned the result of the Delta Upsilon story contest will doubtless be very much interested in the following announcement from the December *Quarterly* :—

Most of our friends already know of the generosity of Judge Elijah B. Sherman, the President of our Fraternity, who, when he found that the story contest for the prize pin was narrowed down to two contestants, offered to give a

second Delta Upsilon pin of equal value to the prize pin, in order that both of those named in the tie vote should wear prize pins. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Judge Sherman at Convention, and it is our pleasure now to announce that the successful story writers are Royal Storrs Haynes, '99, of Cornell, the author of "And A Little Child Shall Lead Them" and Augustus H. Shearer, '99 of Rutgers, the author of "A Successful Pledge."

Newman, the jeweler, has expressed his interest in the contest by adding considerable to the value of the pins he is making, without extra cost to the fraternity or to Judge Sherman. We only regret that each one of the worthy writers were not able to secure like tokens of appreciation from the fraternity. At some future time they may be more successful.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

Theta Delta Psi is a new sorority at Bucknell with a shield shaped badge.—*Ex.*

The Minneapolis convention of the woman's fraternity of Delta Delta Delta showed the active membership to be 225 ; total, 555 ; chapters, 15. This is an increase since the last convention of 8 chapters and 321 members. Many important measures of progressive policy were adopted, according to the convention news in the November *Trident*.

College bred men in the United States number only one-fifth of one per cent., or one in 500 of the whole population. They have furnished 30 per cent. of our congressmen, 50 per cent. of our senators, 60 per cent. of our presidents and over 70 of our supreme court judges.—*Ex*

At the Kappa Sigma reunion at Nashville, October 15 and 16, resolutions were adopted recommending to the Grand Chapter a rule prohibiting membership in Theta Nu Epsilon and similar societies.—*Ex.*

Members of Delta Tau Delta were forbidden by enactment of the Chicago convention in August to join Theta Nu Epsilon and kindred societies. The discussion on the motion was prolonged and exciting. The new Delta Tau catalogue has been issued, the last edition having appeared in 1884. The present edition contains nearly 6,000 names.—*Ex.*

At their recent convention KAPPA ALPHA took the following action : " To debar all members of the Kappa Alpha Order from joining the following organizations : " " Theta Nu Epsilon ; Boar's Head, at Tulane ; Golden Helmet, Golden Dragon, and Junior Secret Society, at Sewanee ; Gimghoul, Pi Sigma, N. Society, and Gorghon Head, at North Carolina ; 18 K, Zeta Tau Kappa, and Yuppali, of the University of Georgia ; Tilka, Zeta, and Peter Magill, of the University of Virginia ; Skeleton and Hand, of the University of Texas ; and all such similar organizations. And all Kappa Alphas now connected with such organizations shall be compelled to withdraw at once.—*The Key.*

Theta Nu Epsilon receives attention at the hands of Walter S. Holden, secretary of the executive council of Phi Kappa Psi, in the last number of the *Shield*. He says that

the arguments in favor of Theta Nu Epsilon are : First, that it forms inter-fraternity friendships and dispels clanishness ; second, it is an honor to be elected to the society. He admits that there is some force in the first argument, but believes that it would be no reflection on Phi Kappa Psi's who were not asked to join, if their fraternity had a law against such action. His arguments against the society are : First, ill-feeling, jealousies and divisions are created within the chapter ; second, Theta Nu Epsilon takes part in college politics, and in doing so sometimes opposes Phi Kappa Psi ; third, its initiatory escapades are unmanly and undignified ; fourth, Phi Kappa Psi has a right to all the time and money at a member's disposal for fraternity purposes. He cites a case where a man wore a Theta Nu Epsilon pin but none of Phi Kappa Psi. He has investigated different colleges and finds that chapters are weakest where the outside societies are strongest. He also opposes allowing membership in professional societies and says that his chapter (Michigan) now forbids such membership. He is a member of a professional society but is ' firmly convinced that a double allegiance is never advantageous. The graduate's advice is very helpful to the chapter.'

According to lists given in the annuals reviewed in this issue, chapters of Theta Nu Epsilon have been established at the following institutions: Wesleyan, Syracuse, Union, Cornell, Rochester, California, Colgate, Kenyon, Adelbert, Hamilton, Rensselaer, Stevens, Lafayette, Williams, Amherst, Allegheny, Lehigh, Washington and Lee, Pennsylvania State, Dickinson, Pennsylvania, U. C. N. Y., Kansas, Wooster, Michigan, Rutgers, Dartmouth, C. C. N. Y., Ohio State, North Carolina, Swarthmore, Maine States, Case, Northwestern, Iowa, Minnesota, Washington and Jefferson, Bowdoin, Missouri, Hampden-Sidney, Nebraska, Chicago, Virginia, Tulane, Mississippi, Mt. Union, Wittenberg, Wisconsin, DePauw, Washington, Vanderbilt, Davidson ; total, 52. Many of these, however, have died or been killed by fraternity chapters or the faculty.—*The Scroll*.